

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

***Arlington School Committee
Standing Subcommittee: Facilities
Friday, May 2, 2025
3:00 PM***

Open Meeting (J. Thielman)

Approval of February 25, 2025 Facilities subcommittee minutes

- *February 25, 2025 - DRAFT Meeting Minutes*

Introduction of new Town Facilities Director

Review Tech and Space Plan, vote to recommend approval of the plan to the School Committee

Thompson Water and Mold update

Capital Budget

New Business

Adjournment (J. Thielman)

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.

Submitted by Jeff Thielman

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Meeting Location - REMOTE



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Summary:

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ATTACHMENTS:

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Arlington School Committee
Facilities Subcommittee Meeting, February 25, 2025
- DRAFT Minutes-

Attendance

Subcommittee members: Jeff Thielman (Chair), Liz Exton, Kirsi Allison-Ampe, M.D.

School Committee members: Paul Schlichtman (School Committee Chair)

District administration: Elizabeth Homan, Ph.D. (Superintendent), Fran Gorski (Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations), Matt Coleman (Director of Data, Research, and Accountability), Dan Anderson (consultant)

Mr. Thielman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. The meeting took place in a hybrid format. Dr. Homan, Mr. Gorski, and Ms. Exton were in-person in the Superintendent's office. Mr. Thielman, Dr. Allison-Ampe, and Mr. Schlichtman were on zoom.

The subcommittee approved the minutes of the January 8, 2025, meeting, 3-0. Motion by Ms. Exton, second by Dr. Allison-Ampe.

Below is a summary of the discussion under each agenda item.

Tech and Space Plan

Mr. Coleman and Mr. Anderson outlined the priorities of the Tech and Space Plan:

1. Facilities Priorities:
 - a. Renovating Ottoson Middle School
 - b. Environmental Sustainability and Climate Control (cooling in core areas, cooling in classrooms)
 - c. Access and Inclusion (ADA audits, facilities updates)
 - d. Furniture and Fixtures (Classroom furniture – updates and regular replacements)
2. Technology Priorities
 - a. Individual needs (teacher laptops, student Chromebooks, other staff tech)
 - b. Classroom and placed based priorities (classroom projectors, gym/cafeteria AV)

Mr. Coleman and Mr. Anderson reminded the subcommittee that the purpose of the plan is to serve as a comprehensive communication tool for both internal stakeholders and the broader community. Mr. Coleman said the next step is to gather feedback from stakeholders.

Dr. Allison Ampe asked when the plan would have costs. Mr. Coleman said he would have this information in March or April. The subcommittee agreed to the following next steps:

- Draft Plan (as presented tonight) will be in Novuus under the Facilities Subcommittee report for the February 27, 2025, School Committee meeting. Mr. Thielman will tell the committee that the plan includes facilities and technology priorities, which are supported by the subcommittee. If members have other priorities or feel information is missing, they should convey their thoughts to Dr. Homan and Mr. Coleman by the first week of March.
- The subcommittee will meet in April to review the updated plan, including costs.
- The plan will be presented to the SC for review and potential vote in May. (The first May meeting could be a "first read"; second May meeting could be final read/vote).

FY25 School Capital projects

Mr. Gorski reported that bids have been accepted, and work will begin soon on the following projects:

- Bishop school roof.
- Door replacements at the Brackett and Dallin.

The one bid received for the generator at the Thompson was too high.

Bids are now open for the Thompson RTU (Remote Terminal Unit) and Bishop office renovations.

MSBA Statement of Interest for the Ottoson Middle School

The subcommittee discussed the process of approving the SOI. Dr. Homan will have a draft done in March. The subcommittee agreed that the SOI should be approved at the March 27, 2025, School Committee meeting, prior to the Select Board taking its required vote. The subcommittee reviewed the requirements of the SOI and vote language in today's meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

At 6:03 p.m., Ms. Exton moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Dr. Allison-Ampe. The motion was approved unanimously.



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